

1 Remarks

2 Preliminary Remarks

3 Claims 6-14 and 28-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 are hereby
4 cancelled. The issues in the application are as follows:

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- 6 ▪ Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-14 and 28-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)
7 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication
8 2002/0065076 to Monroe (hereinafter, "Monroe") in view of U.S. Patent
9 6,283,775 to Shupe et al. (hereinafter, "Shupe").
 - 10 ▪ Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable
11 over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0065076 to Monroe.
 - 12 ▪ Claims 6-7 are allowed.
 - 13 ▪ New claims 36-38 are added.

14 In response, claims 7-8, 13, 28, 31-32 are amended to depend from allowed
15 claim 6. Applicants hereby traverse the outstanding rejections and request
16 reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the amendments and remarks contained
17 herein. Applicants also present new claims 36-38 for consideration.

18 Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

19 Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-14, 28-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as
20 being unpatentable over Monroe in view of Shupe. Claims 11-12 are rejected under
21 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monroe.

22 Claims 1-5 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice. Accordingly, the
23 rejection of claims 1-5 is now moot. Claims 7-14 and 28-32 have been amended to
24 depend from allowed claim 6.

25 The Applicants note that none of claims 7-14 and 28-32, as amended, are
independent claims, and that each of these claims (as amended) ultimately depends
from allowable independent claim 6. It is axiomatic that any dependent claim which

1 depends from an allowable base claim is also allowable, and therefore the
2 Applicants contend that claims 7-14 and 28-32 should be allowed for at least the
3 reasons that claim 6 is allowable.

4 Independent claim 33, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being
5 unpatentable over Monroe in view of Shupe. Claims 33 (as amended above)
6 recites:

7 A mobile phone handset, comprising:

8 a multi-purpose connector including a single connector socket adapted
9 to alternatively accommodate a connector for a plain ordinary telephone line
10 and a connector for a local area network;

11 a network controller configured to allow said mobile phone handset to
12 communicate with one or more computing devices though said local area
13 network connector, each of said one or more computing devices having a
14 device network controller configured to communicate with said network
15 controller using a network communication protocol;

16 a processor control subsection configured to control operations of said
17 mobile phone handset; and

18 a line detector configured to send said processor control subsection a
19 local area network present signal if said local area network connector is
20 connected to said one or more computing devices.

21 (Emphasis added).

22 The Office action claims that “[r]egarding claim 33, Monroe teaches a mobile
23 handset, comprising: a multi-purpose connection adaptor configured to connect said
24 mobile phone handset to at least one of a plain ordinary telephone line, a local area
25 network and one or more computing devices.” However, Monroe does not teach or
suggest that the mobile handset includes “a network controller configured to allow
said mobile phone handset to communicate with one or more computing devices
though said local area network connector, each of said one or more computing

1 devices having a device network controller configured to communicate with said
2 network controller using a network communication protocol; a processor control
3 subsection configured to control operations of said mobile phone handset; and a line
4 detector configured to send said processor control subsection a local area network
5 present signal if said local area network connector is connected to said one or more
6 computing devices", as is required by claim 33 (as amended). Furthermore, the
7 limitations as described above are admitted as being non-obvious over the prior art
8 in view of the allowed matter in claim 6. Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 33
9 (as amended) is non-obvious over Monroe in view of Shupe, and is in condition for
10 allowance.
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12 The Applicants note that claims 34-35 depend from claim 33. As described
13 above, it is axiomatic that any dependent claim which depends from an allowable
14 base claim is also allowable. The Applicants therefore contend that claims 34-35 are
15 also allowable for at least the reasons that claim 33 should be allowed, as discussed
16 above.
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18 New Claims Added

19 As noted above, claims 36-38 have been added. No new matter has been
20 added. Support for claim 36 can be found at least in original claim 2. Support for
21 claim 37 can be found at least in original claim 3. Support for claim 38 can be found
22 at least in original claim 4.
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24 Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

25 Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R.
1.136(a) to respond to the current Office action, to and through October 18, 2004 (it

1 being noted that October 17, 2004 is a Sunday, and so under 37 C.F.R. 1.7 the one
2 month extension period is extended to the following Monday, being
3 October 18, 2004).

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5 Summary

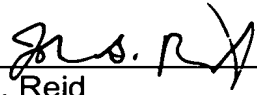
6 The Applicants believe that this response constitutes a full and complete
7 response to the Office action, and therefore request timely allowance of claims 6-14
8 and 28-38.

9 The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-signed
10 representative if the Examiner believes this will facilitate prosecution toward
11 allowance of the claims.
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13 Respectfully submitted,

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